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Re: Letter of Support needed from IA Council on Homelessness

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Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 2:22 PM

To: "Lewis, Amber" <amber.lewis@iowa.gov>

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Hi Amber,

Thank you so much for your quick response - I certainly appreciate your assistance with this matter.

I have attached a basic letter of support or resolution of support for this GPD application through Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. Please look over the wording and feel free to add or subtract what you feel is appropriate.

The VA is looking for each CoC to work towards the federal benchmarks to end veteran homelessness. I know on many of the calls that Heather Harney has addressed this and I know it's the desire of the BOS to get federal recognized for the work it is doing on behalf of homeless veterans. I added wording about Coordinated Entry as well as the Master or By Name list as that are all great words to use with the VA.

Again, my deepest thanks to the Committee for addressing this for our program. Our application is due April 4th to the VA and there is much work to be done on this grant application. For your information, our original award was for 17 beds and the VA has been doing systematic reduction in beds because veteran homelessness is declining. We currently have 13 beds and are the largest of the GPD programs in Eastern IA - Shelter House has 11 beds and we have 13. The awards will be done within the VA for each Medical Center. In IA City, there are 3 GPD programs; ours, Shelter House and Christian Care in Rock Island, IL which has 6 beds. It's crucial that we keep all these beds in our area to provide a level of transitional housing for veterans.

If you have not heard from Shelter House yet, I am assuming that you will as they will need a letter of support for their application as well.

Thank you to the committee and to you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:45 PM, Lewis, Amber <amber.lewis@iowa.gov> wrote:

Hi Cathy,

The ICH Executive Committee meets this Friday, so the timing is good to ask the cmte for a resolution of support at that meeting. It's not a lot of time before then, but if you are able to prepare a possible draft letter for the cmte to consider on Friday, that would work well. This is typically what the council has done for other programs and requests for support letters. If you draft a letter, the cmte can review it, and assuming it is approved, we can then get it on letterhead and have it signed.

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 12:44 PM, Cathy Jordan <c.jordan@humilityofmaryshelter.com> wrote:
Hi Amber,

As you are well aware, the VA has issued a new NOFA for GPD providers to reapply for GPD funding, transitional housing for veterans.

Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. currently has a GPD program, 13 beds for veterans. The application is due to the VA 4/3/2017 so I am starting now to ask for letters of support.

Would you be the correct person to start discussing this with? Since the VA has not had a GPD NOFA since 1994, there has not been a need for a letter of support until this time.

Thanks for your help!

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